Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air a negative documentary on John Kerry just days before the election is a clear and distressing example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But we are getting more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we, the people, need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.